

SENATOR WESELY: Not for arthritis.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you. I intend to support this bill, but I rise mainly to point out that there are a number of diseases that have negative impacts to the citizens of our state. And we're all continually concerned with the care of...cost of the care, health care and the cost that continues to rise for providers. And this is the type of thing, obviously, that is, that is extremely worthwhile but does increase the cost of, to the providers and to health care in general. And so it's the...I merely rise to indicate that this is one of the reasons why, and I hope the citizens of our state recognize that this is one of the reasons why, along with a lot of other worthwhile measures, that health care costs continue to rise as dramatically as they do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Matzke, your light is on. Senator Wesely, would you like to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Just briefly, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate Senator Maurstad's comment. The one thing I'd say, Senator Maurstad, is Parkinson's seems to have been unusually concentrated in Nebraska. Senator Matzke went through a little bit of that; that we seem to have a higher incidence rate; that there is something happening here. And that's why we want to try and get the registry to figure out what is happening here that isn't happening elsewhere. And as was mentioned, the question about irrigation and chemicals and what have you, there's a lot of things going on here and Nebraska seems to have much more of a problem than other states. So we feel a particular need to try and identify what's causing this. So, with that, again, we'd ask for your support for the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. Question before the body now then is the advancement of LB 496. All of those in favor please vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 496.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 496 is advanced. LB 496A.

CLERK: (LB) 496A, a bill by Senator Wesely. (Read title.)